

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 10-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent, claims 2-5 have been amended to depend from claim 10, and claims 1 and 6-9 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 10 has not been narrowed by this amendment. Claims 15-30, which depend (through claims 11-14) from claim 10, have been added. Support for claims 15-30 is found at, for example, original claims 2-5 and page 4, lines 20-22, of the application. Accordingly, claims 2-5 and 10-30 are pending.

Claims 1-5 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Wong et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,169,105) in view of Boegesoe et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,943,950). As discussed above, claims 1 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 2-5 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 10. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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